

Select green goods on contract

Cars

Enterprise Servers

Monitors

Paper

Paper Bags

Paper Envelopes

PC Desktops

PC Laptops

Printers & Copiers

Recycled Paint

Toner & Ink Cartridges

Trucks

Vans & SUVs

Let's hear from you!

Request information, ask a question or share your experience. As EPP evolves, we strive to collect and share information, tools and tips about what works, what doesn't and how to achieve the best green purchasing experience.
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EPP

ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING

BUYER GUIDE

Who to contact

For more information,
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What is EPP?

Environmentally preferable purchasing, sometimes called *buying green*, is designed to protect public health, conserve natural resources and reduce environmental impact of the goods and services that the state purchases.

DGS' Procurement Division (PD) has operated the EPP program since 2002 when Public Contract Code (PCC) §12400-12404, which defines and establishes EPP, was enacted.

Departments are to purchase and use environmentally preferable goods and services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing goods that serve the same purpose, whenever applicable, perform well, and are cost effective.

EPP is implemented through PCC §12400-12404, Executive Orders B-16-2012 and B-18-12, as well as several State Administrative Management Memos and IT policies.

Buying Green—where to start

Green Contract The simplest way to implement EPP is to purchase through a green statewide contract. There are more than 70 green statewide contracts available.

Green Standard DGS purchasing standards provide the minimum criteria purchases must meet to be considered EPP by the State of California. Incorporating any DGS purchasing standards in your purchase will ensure it is green.

Purchase Green Buy *State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC)* compliant products, goods with a manufacturer provided take-back or recycling program, or those that have a trusted third-party environmental certification like Energy Star® or WaterSense®.

What to look for:

Energy Star®

WaterSense®

EPEAT®

Green Seal®

Recycled Content

Take-back and recycling

How DGS can help

The DGS EPP program delivers cost-effective procurement solutions that reduce the state's environmental footprint through EPP. Additionally, it assists state agencies in enhancing their EPP efforts through training, support and the Buying Green Guide.

EPP procurement engineers are available to help you learn how to green your purchase. Contact them by email to schedule a meeting, training or a phone consultation.

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Buying Green Guide

DGS publishes a best practices manual—the *Buying Green Guide*—online at **www.dgs.ca.gov/buyinggreen**. The guide provides state buyers and suppliers with a single source of up-to-date **green contracts, DGS purchasing standards, bid specifications, and buying tips.**

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